



OAKFIELD ACADEMY

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

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Some wonderful artwork produced by pupils  
from 5N to celebrate Spring Haiku



### CHARTERHOUSE TRIPS 2022

Following the departure of Mr Gough next week, please be assured that the organisation of this trip will be taken over by Ms Nightingale, Head of Year 8.

### A message from Mr Gough, Head of Science

I have been a teacher for 28 years and have taught at five schools in the primary, middle and secondary phases. In my career I have had a number of roles including Rural Science Coordinator, Science Coordinator (3 schools), ICT Coordinator (2 schools) and Deputy Head (2 schools). Half of this time has been spent at a special place - formerly Oakfield Middle School, now Oakfield Academy.

Since arriving in 2008 I have had the privilege, and pleasure, of teaching lots and lots of children - too many pupils to count! I have thoroughly enjoyed most of my time here and consider that I have had lots of successes (though I have had too many failures to count too!). However, the time is now right for a new challenge for me. It is therefore with a fair degree of sadness that I have decided to leave Oakfield at the end of this term. My last day will be Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**My new challenge?** I am going to be self-employed providing painting and handyman services. I also have plans to sell online learning resources and intend to write a book about my teaching career.

I wish everyone - parents, staff, trustees and of course pupils, past and present - all the best for the future. **For the pupils I have this one final message:** Remember that the one thing you're in charge of is the effort you put in. If you do your best nothing more can be asked of you. Failure is the route to success, so don't be afraid of it, instead embrace it, learn from it and go again!

**All the best, Mr Gough**



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# MAKE IT HAPPEN

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March our Year 8 students were privileged to join Selwood and Avanti students for a series of workshops organised by Frome Town Council at the Cheese and Grain.

Good weather enabled those students outside to really make the most of shelter building, rock climbing and wildlife investigation. Whilst workshops indoors enabled pupils to discuss wider issues and creatively consider the themes that affect so many young people today.

The pupils said they really appreciated being able to voice their own thoughts about local issues and which charities the community should support and that they had a really good day.





Dear Parents,

For the last week of term and the first week back we will be working with year 7 & 8 pupils on all the conduct card focuses that we have covered so far. They are as follows:

**Walking in the corridors**

**Using the one-way system across the academy**

**Taking pride in our uniform**

**Using appropriate language**

**Being prepared for lessons with the right equipment**

# Conduct Cards

The work carried out with pupils on explicitly teaching expectations, has improved behaviour around our academy in years 7 & 8. We will be consolidating this improvement with conduct cards and looking to focus on classroom learning behaviours over the summer term. After Easter we will be introducing conduct cards to year 6 in the same way as we have with the older years. The pupils will be taught the same specific expectations over the summer term. We will support pupils to look after their conduct cards.

This will be rolled out to year 5 pupils after the June half term in readiness for year 6.

Feedback from pupils and staff has been very positive. Pupils are showing a better understanding of the importance of good behaviour within our community and many pupils have relished the opportunity to take the responsibility of looking after their card and gaining more merits for their achievements when rising to the challenges set.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Emma Thomas, Deputy Head teacher**



## **YEAR SIX SATS WEEK**

Are you able to help us with this?

We always need volunteers during this busy week to read, prompt, scribe etc.

Monday 9th May—

Thursday 12th May (mornings)

Plus a trip to the Westway Cinema on  
Friday 13th May

Please contact Mrs Jasmin Thomas,  
HR Manager if you are able to help with this  
or any other activities that we have.

01373 462539

**THANK YOU.**

**The new Attendance email address is  
[attendance@oakfieldacademy.co.uk](mailto:attendance@oakfieldacademy.co.uk).**

### **Lateness to school**

A lot of pupils are arriving late to the Academy at the moment. Please ensure that your child arrives at school so that they are present for registration; this is done at 8.40am and first lesson is at 8.45am every day.

The red gates open from 8.25am; pupils are to register at 8.40am, the red gates close at 8.40am. Any pupils arriving after this time will need to enter school via Reception and sign-in. Any pupils arriving between 8.40am and 9.00am are marked present, with a note of the number of minutes late and any pupils arriving after 9.00am are marked late. Pupils arriving after 9.30am when registers close are marked U—unauthorised.

## Update on COVID-19 vaccination for 5 to 11 year olds and 12 to 15 year olds

The in-school COVID-19 vaccination programme will end on Friday 1 April. 12 to 15 year olds will still be able to access the vaccine outside of school, at a vaccination centre, pharmacy or walk-in centre.

Healthy 5 to 11 year olds will be offered the COVID-19 vaccine from the beginning of April. Vaccinations will take place outside of school, in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GP surgeries and walk-in centres. Parents of 5 to 11 year olds will receive a letter from the NHS with further information on the vaccine.

For 5 to 11 year old and 12 to 15 year old vaccinations, please signpost parents to where they can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#), at a vaccination centre or pharmacy, or [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) without needing an appointment. Appointments and walk-ins can be accessed for 12 to 15 year olds now, and bookings will open up for 5 to 11 year olds from the beginning of April.

## Year 6's visit to Braeside

The dates for these trips are now confirmed, and classes will visit Braeside on the following days:-

Monday 6 June - 6C & 6N

Tuesday 7 June - 6O & 6R

Wednesday 8 June - 6A & 6S

### VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a **HEAD OF SCIENCE**, kindly click on the link below for a Job Description and Application form;

<https://www.eteach.com/job/head-of-science-1218696>

### Vacancy

#### SINGING TEACHER

Please contact the Finance Office for more details if interested.

Thank you.

### Vacancy

#### TEACHING ASSISTANT

Full job description and application form can be found on:-

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1225233>

# Hei ! Ukrayina A BIG SING FOR UKRAINE



over 100 singers from local choirs  
Jackdaws Songbirds Shreen Harmony and  
Sounding It Out plus special guests

**Friday 29th April 7.30pm**  
**CHEESE & GRAIN FROME**

All proceeds from the event are to be donated to Frome Town Council's twin town Ukrainian refugee appeal

Tickets : suggested donation of £5 or £10 (plus service charge)

Under 12s free

[www.cheeseandgrain.com](http://www.cheeseandgrain.com) Box Office 01373 455428



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## **CAKE SALE**

Congratulations to these  
classes—their cake sale last  
Friday raised a fantastic  
£121.00

Thank you to everyone who  
supported the sale

## **On the Move.....**

**Mrs Sanders (previously our Receptionist) will be  
taking up the role of**

**Attendance & Admissions Officer from  
Monday 4th April. Meanwhile, Mrs Malley will be  
taking up the post of**

**SEND Administrator and Website Technician.**

**The new email for attendance is:-**

**[attendance@oakfieldacademy.co.uk](mailto:attendance@oakfieldacademy.co.uk)**



## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

**The deadline for orders  
with free delivery to  
Oakfield is Friday 8th  
April. Please place  
orders before then.**

**Thank you.**



# Diary Dates

4 Apr	Yrs 5/6 Girls Netball fixture vs Selwood
7 Apr	'Blues & Beyond' Performance
9-24 Apr	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
25 Apr	Term 5
29 Apr	5678 "R" Cake Sale
29 Apr	<b>FRIENDS OF OAKFIELD Bingo Night (new date)</b>
2 May	Bank Holiday
9-12 May	Yr 6 SATS
13 May	Yr 6 SATS Reward Trip
24 May	More Able Yr 6 pupils visit Frome College Science department
27 May	Save the date—watch this space !!!
27 May	5678 "N" Cake Sale
28 May-	
5 Jun	<b>Half Term Holidays</b>
6 Jun	Term 6
w/c 6 Jun	Yr 8 Charterhouse Camps
6 Jun	6C and 6N visit Braeside
7 Jun	6O and 6R visit Braeside
8 Jun	6A and 6S visit Braeside
9 Jun	Y5 Summer Trip (revised date)
24 Jun	5678 "S" Cake Sale
6 Jul	Transfer Day      Year 5 -> Year 6 Year 6 -> Year 7 Year 7 -> Bristol Zoo Trip Year 8 -> Frome College
21 Jul	Yr 8 Leavers Trip—Thorpe Park
22 Jul	Last day of Term 6
25 & 26 Jul	INSET days
	<b>Summer Holidays</b>

**We are delighted to welcome Shonogh Pilgrim to our board of trustees. Shonogh has over 25 years of experience in the education sector, believing that every child has the right to a creative and enlightening education that prepares them well to take their place in society.**

**She will be working alongside staff and other trustees to develop the academy for the greater good of children, staff and the community.**



**FRIDAY 27TH MAY**

**Special Celebration Day**

**More details to follow**



## FILM CLUB

**Thursdays 3.00-4.30pm**

**In 60 with Mrs Roynon**

**Spaces available,  
sign up via Parentpay.**

## New Trustee

